

September 10, 2018

To: LCS School Committee

Fr: Paul Russo

Re: Principal's Report

1. Facilities/Maintenance:
  - a. Siding Project: The project on the east wall is complete. We have scheduled some testing of the OSB behind the siding on the west wall to help develop an estimate of cost for repair. We hope to complete this next summer.
  - b. Controls System: Well underway. The new system is being built and we have online access.
  - c. Fence: Tom Fence has completed their work.
  - d. Drinking water: We are investigating adding water bottle filling stations to our fountains in the gym lobby, 3-5 wing, and the 6-8 wing. We hope to have a coordinated effort with the Coombs Trust, PTO, and regular budget.
  - e. We gave the school entry a new look with the addition of lettering on the wall under the Lynx Bridge. We will also add two donated pieces of art, cut metal lynx heads, that will be installed on each side of the lettering.
2. Opening of school:
  - a. Our staff workshop days went well. I have placed a copy of the agenda on the back of this page.
  - b. The first day with students was a great success. Our staff should be recognized for their excellent planning and execution. It was a smooth opening!
  - c. Kindergarten screening also was successfully completed and those students are becoming comfortably acclimated.
3. Food Service:
  - a. The breakfast program began on opening day and has quickly become a hit. We are serving breakfast to about 23% of our students after just five days. Angela deserves a great deal of credit for her efforts. The staff has also been extremely supportive of this new program.
  - b. This has added to Angela's workload, which we should keep in mind.
4. Testing:
  - a. Our Fall NWEA testing is underway. Students in grades 2-8 will take the math and reading tests as a pretest. This information, along with previous test information will be used to guide instruction. The test also serves as our universal screening tool for the RTI program for these grades.
  - b. We will begin administering the aimsweb Plus tests to our K-2 later this month.
5. Tech Upgrade:
  - a. We are required to replace our access points for the wireless system because the state has essentially abandoned the program and passed the associated costs on to us. Our tech staff across the five towns are working closely to come up with workable solutions. We are fortunate in that we will not be required to replace wiring as is the case for many schools. We should schedule Val Bemis in for a report in the near future.
  - b. We now have guest access to the internet. It is a safe, limited, slow connection.